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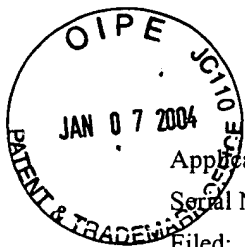
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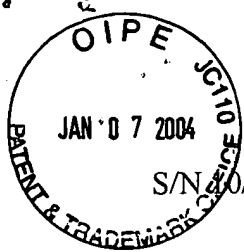
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

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EP 1 154 474 is an English equivalent of JP 2001-060658.

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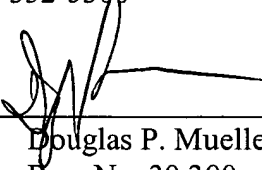
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						YES	NO
	JP 2000-260817	Sept. 2000	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 2001-057404	Feb. 2001	JAPAN			Abstract	
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